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Jazz at the Michigan Historical Museum

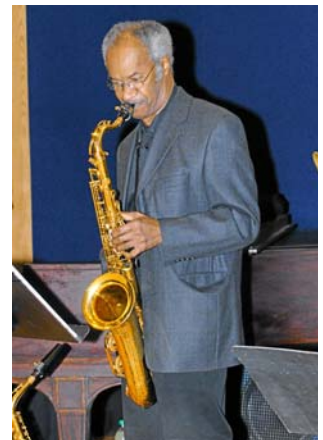
The Friends of Michigan History co-sponsored (along with WLNZ) a foot stomping Jazz program on Saturday, October 4th, 2008.

A large crowd was on hand at the Michigan Historical Museum auditorium to listen to the soothing sounds of the Jeff Haas Quintet. Featuring George Benson on saxophone, Marion Hayden on bass, Rob Smith on trumpet, Alex Trajano on drums, and of course Jeff Haas, composer and pianist extraordinaire!! Jeff's compositions reverberated throughout the museum



Jeff Haas Quintet

halls as the quintet lit up the evening with the light of multi-rhythms and solid individual jazz solos. All in attendance swayed to the sounds, and clapped to the rhythm, as George Benson became one with the big saxophone, and pranced through the aisles with billowed cheeks and dancing feet, playing jazz, jazz, jazz!!



George Benson on Saxophone

Everyone in attendance remarked about how great the jazz sounded and how very entertaining the players were that night.

—Paul M. Tarr, Jr.

FOUNDER'S DAY IN CORUNNA

Representatives of the Friends of Michigan History participated in a three-day celebration in Corunna known as Founder's Day. The occasion commemorated the 150th anniversary of Corunna's incorporation as a village. Carol Spaniola, a member of the Friends and wife of our President, Bus Spaniola, was general chairperson of the event. In addition, the Friends operated a booth in the Corunna Historical Village to promote the Friends program and to attract new members to our organization.

The first private land purchases in the Corunna area were made in 1835. John Davids, an agent for the Shiawassee County Seat Company, became the first white settler in 1836. The company worked to establish the county seat at Corunna. The efforts proved successful as Corunna became the county seat in 1840.

Improvements to the village came quickly thereafter. The railroad came to town in the mid 1850s helping to increase the population. The town continued to experience growth and progress, and on October 11, 1858, the Board of Supervisors of Shiawassee County officially incorporated it as a village. Only eleven years later, on March 12, 1869, Corunna was incorporated as a city by the Legislature of Michigan.

Although he never visited the community, Corunna received its name from Andrew Mack. Mack was an influential politician and businessman from Detroit and major share holder in the Shiawassee County Seat Company. Some say he named the town after the Spanish city, LaCoruna, because of the business connections there. Others have said he visited that Spanish town to spend time with a lady friend. Mack christened two other towns in North America with the name of Corunna: Corunna, Indiana and Corunna, Ontario.



President Bus Spaniola and his wife Carol



Jackson Cascades Civil War Muster

The 24th Annual Jackson, Michigan, Cascades Civil War Muster was held on August 23-24, 2008, at Cascades Park in Jackson, Michigan. The Cascades Civil War Muster is the largest, longest running Civil War Event in the Midwest. The Muster, which takes place at the beautiful Cascade Falls Park in Jackson, Michigan, offers free historical education and fun for the whole family. On the schedule each year are battles on Saturday and

Sunday, cavalry demonstrations, a military ball, a sutler (Civil War merchant) row, and authentic military and civilian camps. This year's battle was Wilson Creek, Missouri, which was the second major battle to take place at the beginning of the Civil War (August 10, 1861). The Cascades Civil War Muster is the largest Civil War muster in the Midwest with upwards to 2,000 reenactors participating. The Friends have helped to promote this statewide historical event for the last two years. The event is hosted annually by the 7th Michigan Volunteer Infantry, Company B Inc.; 12th South Carolina; Great Lakes Reenactors, Inc.; 1st Michigan Light Artillery Battery D; Cascades Inc.; and the Jackson County Parks. The Civil War muster web address is <http://www.civilwarmuster.org/>



Mrs. Rose Moye:



Mrs. Moye, the latest board member, is from Laingsburg, Michigan. Rose is the mother of two children and a dedicated employee of the State of Michigan for over 30 years. She currently is working for the Department of Community Health, Certificate of Need Division. Rose is a vivacious person whose volunteer services include teaching adult community members to read and assisting the community in Master Gardener projects, in addition to her service to St. Isidore Catholic Church.

We look forward to her service on the Friends of Michigan History Board, and know that she will be a significant asset to our Board.

Welcome to Our Renewing Friends

Louise Alderson
John & Sally Barnds
Eliria Baskin
Joan Bauer & Douglas Langham
Lois Baumer
Lucile Belen
Ann Bentley
Fred & Linda Biondo
Lisa Bolton
David & Patricia Brogan
Edward & Bradetta Brown
John Cherry & Pamela Faris
Avern Cohn
Jack & Susan Davis
John & Judy Dunn
Michael & Anna Flanagan
Edward & Lynne Francis
Donald & Phoebe Griffin
Mark & Cynthia Groenink
Keith & Jean Harrison
James & Virginia Hilbert
Norman Jamieson
Richard Johnson

Jeffrey Johnson
Charles & Anita Kandler
Keweenaw National Historical Park
Norbert & Rita Klein
Janet Kreger
Frederick & Barbara Levantrosser
Michael Levine
Richard McLellan
Helen & William Milliken
Thomas Naples
Susan Neller
Harold Old
Virginia Osburn
Vaughn Oswalt
James Page
Keith Pohl
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Christopher Pugh
Michael & Carol Ranville
Jack & Phyllis Relyea
John & Diane Revitte
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Benjamin & Clara Schwendener
Peter & Nancy Sheldon
Donald Siegl
Francis & Carol Spaniola
Henrik & Jane Stafseth
Betty Steen
Evelyn Stieg
Louise & George Stilwill
Kathleen Stiso Mullins
Leo Stoner
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Robert & Regina Thompson
Janet Tiedt
Carol & Roy Tinsley
William Warner
William & Joeline Wellman
William Wills
Geneva Wiskemann
Stephen & Dianna Young
Ronald & Julie Zaremba
Paul Zurawski



News Notes

Friends of Michigan History Travel Club

Join us next September as we travel with the Smithsonian Journey's Travel Adventure's Spirit of Washington, D.C. The nation's capital is more exciting than ever! Major new museums have recently opened to showcase special collections and the hallowed World War II memorial now graces the National Mall. In addition, Washington D.C. is home to excellent theater, music and sumptuous restaurants. Learn more about the history of the nation's capital and enjoy special programs at the newest Smithsonian museums, including the National Museum of the American Indian. Also, enjoy unscheduled time to pursue individual interests. This tour departs **September 17, 2009**.

Our next adventure takes us on a tour of the cornerstones of American Democracy. In April, 2010, we will travel through the Heritage of America on a 9-day tour starting in New York, winding through Pennsylvania and ending in Washington D.C. We will learn about the traditions and history of the Amish. Stroll the grounds of historic Colonial Williamsburg and enjoy dinner at one of its famous taverns. Glimpse into the life of our nation's first president with a visit to his estate, Mount Vernon. This tour departs **April 24, 2010**.

To learn more about the exciting new travel programs that the Friends of Michigan History is offering, please contact Courtney Baerlein at cbaerlein@ColletteVacations.com or call at 1-877-213-0873 and/or Hillary Firlik at hfirlik@ColletteVacations.com. We look forward to traveling together in 2009!



Join Us!

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Your membership benefits include:

- A one-year subscription to *Michigan History* magazine
- A 10% discount at the Michigan Historical Museum stores
- Discounts on museum classes and workshops
- Nationwide museum discounts through "Time Travelers"
- *Inside Michigan History* quarterly newsletter
- Special invitations to exhibit openings
- Membership card
- Tax benefits when you itemize your IRS tax return

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 Timothy & Bobbette Walling
 Rachel Westra
 Evan Wood
 Neil Woodward & Joan Abbey
 Traci Wooley

News Notes - Veteran's Day Program



Friends Board Larry Griffin, President Bus Spaniola and speaker Tom Wiener



"Jackson Northwest High School Choral Group, "Vocal Dimensions" provided outstanding patriotic music to highlight our Veteran's Day Program."

FAYETTE new

Wayne & Deborah Evans
 Nancy Komu

FAYETTE renewals

Lynne Harris
 Curt & Janet Lillie
 Donald & Karen Smith
 Frederick & Donna Winters

GIFT MEMBER new

Marion Black
 Janice Hayes
 Mark Martin

WALKER TAVERN new

Frank & Laurie Bolak
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 Pat Fulton
 Philip & Linda Reynolds
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 Marjorie & Dennis Castle

WALKER TAVERN renewals

Dewey Lake Manor Bed & Breakfast, Inc.
 Dilla & Daniel Miller

Next Friends meeting: Monday, Feb. 9, 2009

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